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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages 1-22 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

pages NONE as originally filed/furnished
 pages* 23 and 24 as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

pages 1/3-3/3 as originally filed/furnished
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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITYInternational application No.
PCT/US03/11951**Box No. V** Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-20 YES
Claims NONE NO

Inventive Step (IS)

Claims 1-20 YES
Claims NONE NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 1-20 YES
Claims NONE NO**2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)**

Claims 1-20 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the use of a coffee cherry or an extract of coffee cherry (and not just the bean or shell of same) is added to a food product.

Claims 1-20 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus the method of producing a coffee cherry containing food product has industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of manufacture of a food product comprising at least one step in which a coffee cherry or an extract of the coffee cherry is included into the food product.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the coffee cherry is a sub-ripe coffee cherry.
3. The method of claim 1 further comprising a step of quick-drying the coffee cherry.
4. The method of claim 1 further comprising a step of comminuting the coffee cherry.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the coffee cherry has a mycotoxin level of less than 20 ppb for total aflatoxins, of less than 10 ppb for total ochratoxins, and of less than 5 ppm for total fumonisins.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the extract is prepared by contacting the coffee cherry with a solvent, and optionally evaporating the solvent.
7. The method of claim 6 wherein the solvent is an aqueous solvent.
8. The method of claim 1 wherein the food product is a beverage.
9. The method of claim 8 wherein the food product is selected from the group consisting of a tea, a juice, and a carbonated beverage.
10. A method of isolating a nutrient from a coffee plant, comprising:
providing a coffee cherry and comminuting the coffee cherry; and
contacting the comminuted coffee cherry with at least one solvent to produce an extract that includes the nutrient.
11. The method of claim 10 further comprising freeze-drying the extract.
12. The method of claim 10 further comprising subjecting the extract to a chromatography to produce a fraction that includes the nutrient.
13. The method of claim 12 wherein the chromatography comprises size exclusion chromatography, and wherein the nutrient is selected from the group consisting of a

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high molecular weight polysaccharide, a medium molecular weight polysaccharide, a low molecular weight polysaccharide, a polyphenolic caffeic acid, and caffeine.

14. The method of claim 12 wherein the chromatography comprises ion exchange chromatography, and wherein the nutrient is a polyphenolic caffeic acid.
15. The method of claim 10 wherein the coffee cherry is a sub-ripe coffee cherry.
16. The method of claim 10 further comprising a step of quick-drying the coffee cherry before comminuting the coffee cherry.
17. The method of claim 10 wherein the coffee cherry has a mycotoxin level of less than 20 ppb for total aflatoxins, of less than 10 ppb for total ochratoxins, and of less than 5 ppm for total fumonisins.
18. A method of marketing a food product comprising:
providing a food product; and
advertising that (a) the food product includes a coffee cherry or an extract of the coffee cherry, or (b) that the food product includes a nutrient that is isolated from the coffee cherry.
19. The method of claim 18 wherein the food product is selected from the group consisting of a beverage, a dietary supplement, and a snack.
20. The method of claim 18 wherein the nutrient is selected from the group of a polyphenol, caffeine, and a polysaccharide.